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Substitute House Bill No. 5166
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 26, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-338 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) There is established a Long-Term Care Advisory Council which
5 shall consist of the following: (1) The executive director of the
6 Commission on Aging, or the executive director's designee; (2) the
7 State Nursing Home Ombudsman, or the ombudsman's designee; (3)
8 the president of the Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils, or the
9 president's designee; (4) the executive director of the Legal Assistance
10 Resource Center of Connecticut, or the executive director's designee;
11 (5) [one representative of the Connecticut Chapter of the American
12 Association of Retired Persons, appointed by the president of the
13 chapter] the state president of AARP, or the president's designee; (6)
14 one representative of a bargaining unit for health care employees,
15 appointed by the president of the bargaining unit; (7) the president of

16 the Connecticut Association of Not-For-Profit Providers for the Aging,
17 or the president's designee; (8) the president of the Connecticut
18 Association of Health Care Facilities, or the president's designee; (9)
19 the president of the Connecticut Association of [Licensed] Residential
20 Care Homes, [for the Aged,] or the president's designee; (10) the
21 president of the Connecticut Hospital Association or the president's
22 designee; (11) the executive director of the Connecticut Assisted Living
23 Association or the executive director's designee; (12) the executive
24 director of the Connecticut [Homecare] Association for Homecare or
25 the executive director's designee; (13) the president of Connecticut
26 Community Care, Inc. or the president's designee; (14) one member of
27 the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging appointed by
28 the agency; (15) [the executive director] the president of the
29 Connecticut chapter of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association; [or
30 the executive director's designee;] (16) one member of the Connecticut
31 Association of Adult Day [Care Association] Centers appointed by the
32 association; (17) the president of the Connecticut Chapter of the
33 American College of Health Care Administrators, or the president's
34 designee; (18) the president of the Connecticut Council for Persons
35 with Disabilities, or the president's designee; [and] (19) the president of
36 the Connecticut Association of Community Action Agencies, or the
37 president's designee; (20) a personal care attendant appointed by the
38 speaker of the House of Representatives; (21) the president of the
39 Family Support Council, or the president's designee; (22) a person
40 who, in a home setting, cares for a person with a disability and is
41 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (23) three
42 persons with a disability appointed one each by the majority leader of
43 the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate and the
44 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (24) a legislator who
45 is a member of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee; and (25) one
46 member who is a nonunion home health aide appointed by the
47 minority leader of the Senate.

48 Sec. 2. Section 17b-338 of the general statutes is amended by adding
49 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

50 (NEW) (c) The Long-Term Care Advisory Council shall seek
51 recommendations from persons with disabilities or persons receiving
52 long-term care services who reflect the socio-economic diversity of the
53 state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill adds several members to the Long Term Care Advisory Council and requires it to seek recommendations from people with disabilities or people receiving long term care services who reflect the socio-economic diversity of the state. These changes are not anticipated to result in any fiscal impact to the state.

House "A" made several changes to the appointments included in the underlying bill. These changes had no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5166 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Long-Term Care Advisory Council (LTCAC) to seek recommendations from people with disabilities or people receiving long-term care services who reflect the state's socioeconomic diversity.

It also adds eight new members to the 19-member LTCAC. They are (1) a personal care attendant appointed by the House speaker; (2) the president of the Family Support Council or his designee; (3) someone who, in a home setting, cares for a person with a disability, appointed by the Senate president pro tempore; (4) three people with disabilities, one each appointed by the House and Senate majority leaders and the House minority leader; (5) a legislator who is a member of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee; and (6) a nonunion home health aide appointed by the Senate minority leader.

The bill also makes some minor and technical changes regarding some of the existing council members. It puts the state president of AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons) himself or his designee on the council, instead of only his appointee. It also puts the president of the Connecticut chapter of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association, instead of the executive director of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association, on the council. And it makes corrections in the names of several entities represented on the council.

*House Amendment "A" changes the appointing authority for the new members from the Long-Term Care Advisory Council members to specified legislative leaders, and makes several minor and technical changes and corrections.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

BACKGROUND

Long-Term Care Advisory Council

The LTCAC, composed of long-term care providers and consumer advocates, advises the interagency Long-Term Care Planning Committee which is composed of representatives from executive agencies and legislators. The LTC Planning Committee's charge is to exchange information on long-term care issues, coordinate long-term care policy development, establish a statewide long-term care plan for the elderly and others in need of long-term care and revise it every three years, and study related issues.

Legislative History

On April 18, the House referred the bill to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, which reported it favorably with no change on April 23.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 19 Nay 0

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 1